BRADLEY ALL SAINTS
{aka BRADELEY, BRADLEY BY STAFFORD}

NOTE: Easily confused with BRADLEY-IN-THE-MOORS (ST LEONARD)

Bradley [Cuttlestone] *(All Saints)* was a vicarage in the patronage of Sir John Curzon of Kedleston, Derbys 1st Baronet 1598-1686. By 1647 ***Robert Spencer c1609-1670 was compliant*** presbyterian minister of Bradley and continued as de facto vicar in 1660. ... The parish of eight townships - Alstone, Barton, Billington, Bradley, Longnor, Reule, Shredicote and Wollaston - composed two simple constablewicks {Billington} and {Bradley}, one compound constablewick {Wollaston & Shredicote} and parts of three other compound constablewicks {Alstone [part par. Gnosall], Brough Hall [par. Gnosall] & Reule}, {Barton & Apeton [par. Gnosall]} and {Mitton [par. Penkridge] & Longnor}.

Gnosall

The parish of eleven townships - Alstone, Apeton, Beffcote, Brough Hall, Coton, Cowley, Gnosall, Knightley, Moreton, Plardiwick, Wilbrighton - composed two simple constablewicks {Gnosall} and {Knightley}, two compound constablewicks {Cowley & Coton} and {Moreton & Wilbrighton} and parts of four other compound constablewicks {Alstone [part par. Bradley], Brough Hall & Reule [par. Bradley]}, {Barton [par. Bradley] & Apeton}, {High Onn [par. Church Eaton] & Plardiwick} and {Little Onn [par. Church Eaton] & Beffcote}.

The parish contained eight townships -

Alstone, Barton, Billington, Bradley, Longnor, Reule, Shredicote and Wollaston

Alstone & Reule
Barton & Apeton (par. Gnosall)
Billington
Bradley
Mitton (par. Penkridge) & Longnor
Wollaston & Shredicote

(1632-1790) Tithes and advowson of Bradley (Craddock/Comberford/Curzon/Vere/Anson) [SRO D615/D/297

Patrons:
1569, 1579, J 5 8 3 Rich Dickenson,
1604 Simon Dickenson,
1624 **Matthew Cradock of Stafford gentleman 1584-1636**

Bradley [Cuttlestone] MANOR 11.6 11.67 (1086); 1332c; PARISH (1532); ♦RECTORY later Vicarage; All Saints (Pevsner c1275); PRGR 1538+
Districts: (Allimore Green), Alstone, Barton, Billington, Dearnsdale, Littywood, Longnor, Reule (Lower and Upper), Shredicote, Wollaston

The parish of **CASTLE CHURCH** may have been created in the Saxon period from part of **BRADLEY**.

BRADELEY BY STAFFORD

In 1563 a vicarage, without any annexed chapels, in Lapley D., formerly a rectory.

Ch. Orn., May 1553 : 2 vestments, i of white bustian & i of blue silk ; i blue silk cope ; 2 albes ; i silver chalice with paten ;

1 copper censer ; 2 bells ; i sanctus bell ; 2 copper candlesticks ;

2 tin cruets ; i sacring bell ; 2 altar cloths.

In 1604 there were some recusants here.

Patrons: 1569, 1579, J 5 8 3 Rich Dickenson, 1604 Simon Dickenson, 1624 Matthew Craddock

RECTORS

22 Oct. 1528 ob. 1538 Roger Dyngley D.D. l

10 Sep. 1538 res. 1545 John Pylkington 2

26 Dec. 1545 occ. 1549 John Stapulton B.L. ,

M.A. 3
w.p. 14 Sep. 1562 Robert Moore 4

20 June 1569
31 Jan. 1578-9
13 Aug. 1583
summer 1595
25 Aug. 1612
22 Feb. 1614-5
18 Dec. 1617
27 Jan. 1623-4
20 June 1636

occ. 1651-
c. 1670

occ. 1533

VICARS

ob. 1569 Robt Sherwin 5

res. 1578 Laurance Clowes 6

res. 1583 Wm Campyon M.A.? 7

res. 1595 Thos Neale B.A. 8

bur. 22 Mar. 1611-2 Robt Parpoynt 9
John Wheelock 1
Thos Johnes 1 l

occ. 1620 Thos Fletcher B.A.? x 2

?res. 1636 Simon Dudson l 3

seq. c. 1646 Jonathan Yates B.A. 1 4

2 ob. c. 1670 Robt Spencer 1 5

occ. 1680 Wm Royston B.A. 1 6

CURATE

Wm Ridware 1 7

INCUMBENTS

occ. 1533
departed c. 1546

Wm Parkyns 1
John Austen (e)

S. MARGARET'S CHAPEL AT BILLINGTON
Not mentioned in 1563. Apparently suppressed as a chantry in or before 1549, when it was certified to be endowed with a messuage etc. at Forebridge, given by Wm Salt on 29 Jan. 1539-40, worth 6s. net p.a. and a cottage on the common. The priest used to sing mass here for the ease of the inhabitants of the township of Billington as it was more than a mile from

the parish church. Ch. Orn., 1549 : i little bell at the end of the chapel; 3 oz. of white plate; and sundry ornaments worth

15* W-

INCUMBENT

occ. 1604 a reader 1 9

NOTES

1 Dyngley. Fellow of All Souls, Ox., 1511, M.A. 1513, D.D. 1526 (Foster), preb. of Wigginton, Tamworth, 1533, preb. of Denston, Stafford, 1535. Paid tax of 195. as rector in 1533.

2 Pylkington. " Sacellamis relgius " (sic), admitted to Lichfield guild 1539 (Harwood, p. 417).

3 Stapulton, Stapleton, Stapylton. M.A. 1522 Ox., probably son of Sir Brian Stapulton of Wighill, Yorks., perhaps student 1522 of Gray's Inn and rector of Little War ley, Essex, 1522 (Foster). Preb. of Whittington 1538-50. In 1549 ft i g alleged that he held 3 benefices in addition to this rectory (S. H. C., 1912, p. 171). Subsidy due 25 Mar. 1558 not paid.

4 Moore. Subscribed in 1559, formerly perhaps preb. of Burton-on-Trent, q.v. In Jan. 1560-1 this rectory was in the hands of the bishop and the subsidy was not collected (19-509).

5 Sherwin. Subscribed in 1559.

6 Clowes. Probably retired to Madeley, as the will of a Madeley resident of this name was pr. 17 July 1594 by Ann the relict.

7 Campyon. Probably M.A. 1571 S. John's Coll. Camb. (Venn).

8 Neale, Naile. B.A., gregem suum laudabiliter instructus. No preacher (1602 return). Preacher of scandalous life, seldom preacheth (1604 return). Ordained 1581 by Wm Overt on. One of this name matric. 1576 Jesus Coll. Camb. (Venn), another matric. 1572 Magd. Hall, Ox. Perhaps son of Thos Neale B.D., rector of Thenford, Npton (Foster). Vicar of Tutbury 1595-1627, w.p. 26 Jan. 1626-7.

9 Parpoynt, Pearpoynte. No preacher. Vicarage worth io/. p.a., rectory ioo/. p.a., latter being impropriated to Archbp of Dublin (1604 return).

I Wheelock. See Norton-in-the-moors.

I 1 Johnes. See Chilcote and Rugeley.

1 2 Fletcher. See Haughton.

13 Dudson. See Seighford.

14 Yates. B.A. 1630 Brasenose Coll. Ox., son of Thos Yates of Middle wich, Ches., probably became vicar of Spratton, Northants. 1660 and rector of Blisworth 1664 (Foster). Stated by Walker to have been sequestered.

1 5 Spencer. See Eccleshall.

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16 Royston. Succeeded Spencer (Gregory), became rector of Haughton in 1686.

17 Ridware. See Swynnerton.

1 8 Parkyns. Paid tax of 55. 4^. as priest in 1533, perhaps subscribed as Perkyn in 1559.

1 9 Reader. Not named, no preacher, a lay reader, stipend 16 groats (1604 return).

Principal Clergy

►**Humphrey Hastang c1300-1349** **1331**
b c1300 *yr son of Sir John Hastang of Chebsey, Staffs Knight c1260-a1332 [SLG] and Eve (.....)*
d a11 Jul 1349 [Reg 11 [Northburgh] ff49 187]
(Prebendary, Shrewsbury St Chad)
- (exchanged) 1 Feb 1338.9 [Bodl Libr MS Ashmole 794 f64]
(Rector, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1331-....
- (admitted) 1331 [? SOURCE LOST]
(Prebendary, Lichfield Longdon) 1 Feb 1338.9-d
- (by exchange) 1 Feb 1338.9 [Bodl Libr MS Ashmole 794 f64]
- (provided by the Pope) [CPL 111 129]
(Archdeacon, Coventry) 11 Apr 1340-d
- (had a royal grant) 11 Apr 1340 [CPR 1338-1340 p 454]
- (provided by the Pope) 6 Oct 1343 [CPP 1 20]

►**Roger Dingley c1485-1538** **1528-1538**
i *as "Doctor Dinglye"* 10 Aug 1538 Bradley All Saints
(at Oxford)
(B.A.) 24 Jun 1506 [FOSTER]

(Fellow, All Souls, Oxford) 1511
(M.A.) 29 Nov 1513
(Guardian of the Ruthbery Chest) Summer 1514
(Proctor) 1518
(B.D.) 16 Jun 1523
(D.D.) 11 Jun 1526
(Rector, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 22 Oct 1528-d
- (instituted) 22 Oct 1528
- (paid a tax of 19/-) 1533
(Prebendary, Tamworth Wigginton, Staffs) a1533-d
- (paid a tax of 10/-) 1533
(Prebendary, Stafford Denston) 1535-d
- (in office) 1535

►John Pilkington e1498-.... **1538-1545**
(M.A.) [X FOSTER/VENN]
(Rector, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 10 Sep 1538-(a26 Dec) 1545
- (instituted) 10 Sep 1538
- (as "Sacellanus relgius"[sic], admitted to Lichfield Guild) 1539
- (resigned) (a26 Dec) 1545

John Stapulton (Rector of Bradley, Staffs) c1499-1550 **1545-1550**
b *probably son of Sir Brian Stapulton of Wighill, Yorks Knight*
d a19 Nov 1550
(B.A., Oxford) 14 Feb 1519.20 [FOSTER]
(M.A.) 21 Jul 1522
(at Gray's Inn) 1522
(Rector, Little Warley, Essex)
(Prebendary, Lichfield Whittington & Baswich) 8 Apr 1538-d
- (collated under Rowland Lee (Bishop of Lichfield, 1534-43) c1492-1543) 8 Apr 1538 [Reg XIV [Lee] f22]
(Rector, Bradley, Staffs) 26 Dec 1545-d
- (presented by the Crown)
- (as LL.B., instituted) 26 Dec 1545
(alleged that he held three benefices in addition to this rectory) 1549 [SHC 1912 171]

►Robert Moore c1523-a1561 **a1558-a1561**
**** Easily confused with Robert Moore c1510-1562*
d aJan 1560.1
Will (?Lichfield) ...../14 Sep 1562
[? (ordained subdeacon by Chester to title of Mr John Moore of Bankehowse Chester Diocese) 6 Jun 1558; (ordained deacon by Chester to same title) 24 Sep 1558; (ordained priest by Chester to same title) nd]
(Rector, Bradley All Saints, Staffs)
- (in office) 16 Jul 1558
- (subscribed) 1559
- (rectory in the hands of the bishop and the subsidy was not collected) Jan 1560.1

Vicars

►Robert Sherwin e1518-1569 **1558-1569**
d (a16 Jun) 1569
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) a13 Jun 1558-d
- (in office) 13 Jun 1558
- (subscribed) 1559

►Lawrence Clowes c1534-.... **1569-1579**
(Vicar, Elvaston, Derbys) 15 Mar 1564 [COX IV 197 calls him Richard]
- (presented by Ann Stanhope)

- (instituted) 15 Mar 1564
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 16 Jun 1569-(a31 Jan) 1578.9
- (presented by Richard Dickinson of Bradley, Staffs "gentleman" c1520-1586 "baker of Badeley")
- (instituted) 16 OR 20 Jun 1569
(Perpetual Curate, Ranton, Staffs)
- (in office) 8 Oct 1579
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 24 Jun 1583 [???]
(Perpetual Curate, Gnosall, Staffs)
- (in office) 22 Jan 1583.4
(probably retired to Madeley as the will of a Madeley resident of this name was proved 17 Jul 1594 by Ann the relict)

►William Campion c1546-.... **1579-1583**
[? (at St John's, Cambridge); (B.A.) 1567.8; (M.A.) 1571] [CHECK PRINTED VENN]
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 31 Jan 1578.9-(a 13 Aug) 1583
- (presented by Richard Dickinson of Bradley, Staffs "gentleman" c1520-1586)
- (instituted) 31 Jan 1578.9
- (started keeping parish register) 22 Feb 1578.9 [Bradley PR]
- (resigned) (a 13 Aug) 1583

►Thomas Neale (Vicar of Tutbury, Staffs) c1555-1626 **1583-1595**
d a21 Oct 1626; Will (Lichfield) 26 Jan 1626.7
[??? (matriculated from Magdalen Hall, Oxford) 1572; (perhaps son of Thos Neale (Rector, Thenford, Northants) 1519-a1590 [BLG])
[??? (matriculated fellow-commoner from Jesus, Cambridge) Easter 1576; (admitted fellow-commoner, Caius, Cambridge) cApr 1577]
(B.A.)
(ordained priest at Eccleshall by Lichfield) 29 Sep 1581
(Vicar, Bradley, Staffs) 13 Aug 1583-1595
- (presented by Richard Dickinson of Bradley, Staffs "gentleman" c1520-1586)
- (instituted) 13 Aug 1583
- ("gregem suum laudabiliter instructus", No preacher) [1602 return]
- ("Preacher of scandalous life, seldom preacheth") [1604 return]
(Vicar, Tutbury, Staffs) 11 Nov 1594-d
- (presented by the ?Crown) 11 Nov 1594
- (instituted) 14 Jan 1594.5
- (in office) 20 Aug 1616
- (unnamed incumbent died in office) a21 Oct 1626

►Robert Parpoynt e1554-1612 **1594-1605**
i 22 Mar 1611.2
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1594
- instituted) 1594
- (in office) Summer 1595
- (in office) 29 Jul 1605
- ("No preacher. Vicarage worth £10 pa, rectory £100 pa, latter being impropriated to Archbishop of Dublin) [1604 return]

John Wheelock c1575-.... **1612-1615**
(Parochial Curate, Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffs)
- (in office) 22 Jul 1605
- (as Minister) 1606 PR [GENT.MAG 1818 ii]
- (in office) 1608
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 25 Aug 1612-22 Feb 1614.5
- (instituted) 25 Aug 1612
- (replaced in office) 22 Feb 1614.5
(Parochial Curate, Acton Trussell, Staffs)
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616

►Thomas Jones c1590-1672 **1615-1617**
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*

i 1 Nov 1672 ?Rugeley
(M.A.)
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 22 Feb 1614.5-a18 Dec 1617
- (presented by the bishop of Chester) [VCH IV 86]
- (instituted) 22 Feb 1614.5
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616
- (replaced in office) 18 Dec 1617
(?Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Chilcote, Derbys) 1620
(Vicar, Rugeley, Staffs) a1650
- (paid a subsidy of £1/10/0) 1661

Thomas Fletcher B.A. (Rector of Haughton, Staffs) c1594-1684
Fletcher was born about 1595 son of a Berkshire "gentleman". He was educated at Oxford where on 20 Nov 1629 he was a student at Christ Church and matriculated. At Oxford he graduated B.A. on 21 Oct 1613. On 20 Mar 1613.4 he was ordained deacon and on 5 Mar 1614.5 ordained priest (both) by Oxford. On 26 Aug 1616 he was in office as stipendiary curate of Bradley and on 18 Dec 1617 after presentation by the bishop of Chester he was instituted as vicar of Bradley where he was succeded in office by 27 Jan 1623.4. About May 1619 he may have been in office as stipendiary curate of Haughton where on 11 Mar 1619.20 after presentation by Edward Bold of Booden in Haughton "gentleman" 1548-1624 *pro* Sir Ralph Bourchier of Beningbrough, Yorks Knight c1528-1598 he was instituted as rector of Haughton. He may then have briefly been a pluralist. From 5 Feb 1643.4 he continued at Haughton as a *compliant* presbyterian minister and in 1660 again continued as rector and subscribed to the *Act of uniformity* on 12 Aug 1662. On 18 Jan 1663.4 he was licensed as a preacher by Lichfield. In 1665 the rectory was valued at £42 pa. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Haughton constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths. Still in office he died, aged about 90, and was buried here on 20 Oct 1684. His administration was granted at Lichfield on 1 Jan 1685.6. His personalty was valued at £4/15/0 and consisted only of "one bede with the furniture their to belonging £2/5/0 [and] All his wareinge Apparell & money in his purse £2/10/0". Fletcher married on 1 Jun 1619 at Castle Church to Pheyles Bold by whom he had two sons and five daughters. Thomas Reynolds (parochial curate of Gnosall, Staffs) e1633-1674 **QV** was his son-in-law. It is likely that Fletcher had disposed of much of his estate before his death resulting in his very low personalty. Fletcher's wife Pheyles Bold was not a daughter of Edward Bold (who had presented Fletcher) but might have been a kinswoman or perhaps the widow of a kinsman. In his 1623 will Bold does name his own three children and appoints Fletcher a "trusty friend" as an overseer.

►**Thomas Fletcher B.A. (Rector of Haughton, Staffs) c1594-1684** **1620-1684**
b c1594 Berks
m 1 Jun 1619 Castle Church: Pheyles Bold
i 20 Oct 1684 Haughton; Adm *of Haughton clerk* (Lichfield) 1 Jan 1685.6 *to daughter True Walter*
(aged 16, of Berks, pleb., matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 22 Jun 1610 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 21 Oct 1613
(as B.A., Christ Church, Oxford, ordained deacon at Dorchester by Oxford) 20 Mar 1613.4
(ordained priest by Oxford) 5 Mar 1614.5
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley, Staffs) 26 Aug 1616
- (in office) 26 Aug 1616
(Vicar, Bradley, Staffs) 18 Dec 1617-(a27 Jan) 1623.4
- (presented by the bishop of Chester) [VCH IV 86]
- (instituted) 18 Dec 1617
- (succeded in office) 27 Jan 1623.4
(Stipendiary Curate, Haughton, Staffs)
(May have signed parish register as curate) 11 Apr/6 Jun 1619
(Rector, Haughton, Staffs) 11 Mar 1619.20-d
- (presented by Edward Bold of Booden in Haughton "gentleman" 1548-1624 *pro* Sir Ralph Bourchier of Beningbrough, Yorks Knight c1528-1598) 18 Feb 1619.20
- (instituted) 11 Mar 1619.20
- (appointed) 12 Mar 1619.20
(presbyterian minister, Haughton)
- (continued in office as a *compliant* presbyterian minister) 1644
(Rector, Haughton, Staffs)
- (subscribed to the *Act of uniformity*) 12 Aug 1662
- (licensed as a preacher by Lichfield) 18 Jan 1663.4
- (rectory valued at £42 pa) 1 Aug 1665
- (as Minister, certified the hearth tax for Haughton constablewick and was assessed on 3 hearths) 1665 [1666 HT]
- (paid 4/0, wife and chn, Haughton) 1666 [Poor Tax]

chn: Thomas Fletcher c son of Thomas and *Phillis* 30 Apr 1620 Haughton
Apolyna Fletcher [dau] c 1 Oct 1622 Haughton
John Fletcher c 24 Jan 1624.5 Haughton
Mary Fletcher c 15 Apr 1627 Haughton; m ? (by licence, 1671) Haughton: Francis Goodwin
Margaret Fletcher c 25 Oct 1629 Haughton; m 6 Apr 1659 Haughton: Thomas Reynolds B.A. (parochial curate
of Gnosall) e1633-1674 [SCD]; [? i 23 Jun 1697 Haughton]
Clare Fletcher c ? (*unnamed*) 1631 Haughton; m 15 Jun 1675 Haughton: Walter Whittle
True Fletcher c 22 Feb 1634.5 Haughton; m Edward Walter of Haughton, Staffs yeoman 1652-1710; 1686 fa;
i 21 Apr 1714 Haughton

(1 Jun 1619, Castle Church) The First day of June was maryed thomas Fletcher clarke and pheyles bold nowe his weiffe in the yere of our Lord god 1619
(11 Apr/6 Jun 1619, Haughton printed PR (Baptisms) Thomas Fletcher, Curat John Cockes? Thomas ---- [These names are hardly legible] [NOT visible on the FMP images]
(7 Jan 1685.6) A True & perfect Inventory vewed taken & prised this seaventh day of Jannuary 1685 of all the goods Chattells and Chattwells of Tho Fletcher Clarke, late of Haughton deceased by us Tho: Bayley Tho: Hodson Impris one bede with the furniture their to belonging £2/5/0 It All his wareinge Apparell & money in his purse £2/10/0 The sume totall £4/15/0

►Simon Dudson (Vicar of Seighford, Staffs) c1594-1655 **1624-1636**
m Ann -----
i *as clerk* 17 Apr 1655 Seighford
(of Broadgates Hall, Oxford) [X FOSTER]
(literate)
(Schoolmaster, Lichfield Diocese) 5 Aug 1620
- (appointed) 5 Aug 1620
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 9 Mar 1622.3
(Vicar, Bradley, Staffs) 27 Jan 1623.4-a2 May 1636
- (presented by Matthew Cradock of Stafford gentleman 1584-1636)
- (instituted) 27 Jan 1623.4
(Vicar, Seighford, Staffs) 2 May 1636- Feb 1643.4
- (presented by the Crown)
(compliant minister, Seighford, Staffs)
- (continued in office as a compliant minister) Feb 1643.4
- (in office) cJan 1651.2
chn: Edward Dudson c 11 Apr 1624 Bradley
Appolina Dudson c 1624 Bradley
[?] ----- Dudson i 1624 Bradley
William Dudson [triplet] c 25 Jun 1627 Bradley; i 7 Jul 1627 Bradley
Thomas Dudson [triplet] c 26 Jun 1627 Bradley; i 29 Jun 1627 Bradley
Elizabeth Dudson [triplet] c 26 Jun 1627 Bradley; i 14 Jul 1627 Bradley
William Dudson c 12 Apr 1629 Bradley
John Dudson c 27 Nov 1630 Bradley

DUDSON, SIMON (232). vicar of Seighford, 1636, & still 1651. Buried 17 April 1655. No sign of sequestration. [Walker Rev. p322]
Dudson, -----, *Heighford - *If I read it right [Walker (1714) p232]

►Jonathan Yates (Vicar of Bradley All Saints, Staffs) c1611-1687 **1636-c1646**
b c1611 *son of Thomas Yates of Middlewich, Cheshire commoner*
m Rebecca .....; d 1679; M.I. (Blisworth)
d 1687
(aged 19, matriculated from Brasenose College, Oxford) 29 Jan 1629.30[sic] [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 28 Jan 1629.30[sic]
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 20 Jun 1636
- (presented by Francis Comberford of Bradley, Staffs gentleman c1610-c1677)
- (instituted) 20 Jun 1636
- (said to have been ejected) c1646

(Vicar, Stowe Nine Churches, Northants)
- (in office) 1654
- ("Council refused to examine articles against him from parishioners.") 1655
- (ejected) 1656

(Vicar, Spratton, Northants) 1660

(Rector, Blisworth, Northants) 1664-d
- (presented by John Clement Esquire)
- (instituted) 4 Mar 1663.4

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Jonathan Yates of Bradley (vicar) [c1609-
c son of Thomas Yates of Middlewich, Cheshire
m Rebecca -----
B.A. 1630 Brasenose College, Oxford; (instituted as vicar of Bradley) 20 Jun 1636; (sequestered) c1646; ? (vicar of Spratton, Northants) 1660; (rector of Blisworth) 1664
occurs 1637 1638 PR; 1638 W
chn: Lionel Yates c 23 Jul 1638 i 25 Jul 1638
Appolina Yates c 3 Sep 1639
Margaret Yates c 28 Dec 1640
Jonathan Yates c 17 Aug 1642
Rebecca Yates c 1 Jul 1644 i ? 2 Sep 1645 (or is this the mother)

[my Bradley Families]

Robert Spencer (vicar of Bradley) c1606-1670
Spencer, born (perhaps) about 1606, is of unknown parentage. He was only educated to literate grade. On 18 Dec 1630 when he was a schoolmaster of and perhaps a stipendiary curate at Eccleshall he was probably ordained deacon by Lichfield. He was also (? re-ordained deacon) and ordained priest by Lichfield on 2 Mar 1634.5. On 5 Feb 1643.4 he may not have been in an office. By 1647 he was *compliant* minister of Bradley and about Sep 1660 continued as *de facto* vicar of Bradley. He subscribed to the *Act of uniformity* on 26 Sep 1662. In 1665 he certified the hearth tax for Alstone & Reule, Barton & Apeton, Billington, Bradley and Wollaston & Shredicote constablewicks and was certified *not chargeable* at Bradley constablewick. Still in office he died, (perhaps) aged about 64, and was buried here on 12 Apr 1670. His administration was granted under Lichfield on 25 Jul 1670. Spencer married (perhaps) about 1640 to Alice (who survived him) (no known children). [NOTE: It is just possible that two men are confused in this account.]

►**Robert Spencer (Vicar of Bradley) c1606-1670** **?1647-1670**
b c1610 *of unknown parentage*
[??? c 20 May 1610 Ellastone *son of Ralph Spencer*]
m e1640 Alice -----; (? no chn)
i 12 Apr 1670; Adm *Robert Spencer (Vicar of Bradley)* (Lichfield) 25 Jul 1670 *to widow Alice (Bondsman: William Royston (Vicar of Bradley))*

(?Stipendiary Curate, Eccleshall, Staffs)
- (as "student" and "schoolmaster", of Eccleshall, ordained deacon by Lichfield) 18 Dec 1630
- (as clerk, mentioned in parish register) 20 Jun 1648
(as Mr., ordained deacon and priest by Lichfield) 2 Mar 1634.5
(Presbyterian Minister, Bradley All Saints, Staffs)
- (previous minister said to have been ejected) c1646
- (occurs as minister of Bradley) cApr 1647-1659 PR [see my Bradley Families]
- (in office) 1651.2
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs)
- (subscribed to the *Act of Uniformity*) 26 Sep 1662
- (not valued) 1665
- (certified the hearth tax for Alstone & Reule, Barton & Apeton, Billington, Bradley and Wollaston & Shredicote constablewicks and was certified *not chargeable* at Bradley constablewick) 1665
[1666 HT] [Mitton & Longnor not signed as none not chargeable]

►**William Royston (Rector, of Haughton, Staffs) c1642-1730** **c1670-1680**
m Catherine -----; 1707 W (Ranton); i 17 Mar 1713.4 Haughton
i 17 Oct 1730 Haughton

Adm (Lichfield) *Robert Spencer (Vicar of Bradley)* 25 Jul 1670 *to widow Alice (*Bondsman: William Royston (Vicar of Bradley))

(probably brother of Thomas Royston c1652-1738 **[SCD]**)
(Schoolmaster, Uttoxeter Alleyne's Grammar School, Staffs)
- (as literate, appointed) 24 Sep 1664
(admitted sizar at St Catherine's, Cambridge) 19 May 1665 [VENN]
(B.A.) 1668.9
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 8 Oct 1669
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) c1670-1680
- (in office) c1670
- (in office) 23 Nov 1676 [CCEd]
(Rector, Haughton, Staffs) 8 Dec 1686-d
- (presented by Edward Walter of Haughton, Staffs yeoman 1652-1710) 26 Oct 1684
- (presentation challenged by William Bourne)
- (instituted) 8 Dec 1686
chn: William Royston c 26 Dec 1672 Bradley All Saints **[SCD]**
Nathaniel Royston c 28 Dec 1674 Bradley All Saints
John Royston c 4 Jul 1677 Bradley All Saints
Catherine Royston c 26 Feb 1687.8 Haughton

Perpetual Curates

►**Francis Collins (P.C. of Bradley, Staffs) 1676-1727** **1701-1727**
c 24 Feb 1675.6 Penkridge *son of Thomas Collins of Penkridge, Staffs "p.p." and Mary (-----)*
m 27 Apr 1704 Church Eaton: Eleanor Willington
i 17 Sep 1727 Bradley [gravestone 48]
(aged 17, matriculated from Christ Church, Oxford) 3 Mar 1692.3 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1696
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 20 Mar 1697
(Master, Church Eaton Grammar School, Staffs) 1697-?d
- (nominated by Walter Jennings Rector and John Astley Trustee of School)
(as B.A. of Christ Church, Oxford, licensed as Master of Church Eaton Grammar School on nomination of Walter Jennings Rector and John Astley Trustee of School) 1 Apr 1697 [SHC IV ii 37] [B/A/1/18]
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 21 Sep 1701
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley, Staffs) 21 Sep 1701-d
- (as B.A., licensed preacher) 21 Sep 1701
- (at Haughton) 1716 [LEE 1A]
chn: Walter Collins c 31 May 1705 Bradley **[SCD]**
Mary Collins c 11 Aug 1707 Bradley
Jane Collins c 21 Jul 1709 Bradley

Walter Collins (P.C. of Bradley, Staffs) 1705-1782 **1729-1782**
c 31 May 1705 Bradley *son of Francis Collins (P.C. of Bradley, Staffs) 1676-1727* ***[SCD]*** *and Eleanor (Willington)*
m Elizabeth -----; b c1720; d *aged 67* 29 Oct 1787 [gravestone]; i Bradley
d *aged 77* 21 Sep 1782 [gravestone]; i Bradley
(aged 18, matriculated from Pembroke College, Oxford) 25 May 1723 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 2 Mar 1726.7
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 5 Jul 1729
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley, Staffs) 7 Jul 1729
- (appointed) 7 Jul 1729
(M.A., Emmanuel College, Cambridge) 1737
(at Haughton) (as Rev. Mr. Collins, paid 0/8) 1762 [? Thomas Caldwall 1733] CR51;
(paid 2/8) 1765 P; (assessed on £6 for Ox Leasow) 1765-6 P7;
chn: Francis Collins c 6 Jan 1740 Bradley
Elizabeth Collins c 28 Dec 1742 Bradley; m 25 Mar 1773 Bradley: Sampson Wright c1743-a1796 **[SCD]**; d 2 May 1804 aged 61 [gravestone]; i Bradley;
Walter Collins c 12 Mar 1744 Bradley; i 5 Dec 1746 Bradley
Thomas Collins c 2 Dec 1747 Bradley
Ann Collins c 14 Nov 1749 Bradley; d 1786 [garevstone]; i Bradley
William Collins c 29 Nov 1751 Bradley; d *aged 30* 11 Sep 1781 [gravestone]; i Bradley; (of Newport, Salop)
Mary Collins c 6 Nov 1755 Bradley; i 26 May 1772 Bradley

►**Sampson Wright (P.C. of Bradley, Staffs) c1743-1796** **not cross indexed**
m 25 Mar 1773 Bradley: Elizabeth Collins dau of Walter Collins (P.C. of Bradley, Staffs) 1705-1782 [SCD]; c 28 Dec 1742 Bradley; d *aged 61* 2 May 1804; i Bradley; [gravestone 52]
d *aged 49* 30 Mar 1796; i Bradley; [gravestone 52]
(literate)
(Usher, Stafford Grammar School) 27 Oct 1762-?1767
- (appointed) 27 Oct 1762
(Master, Bradley Endowed School, Staffs) 9 Sep 1767-d
- (appointed) 9 Sep 1767

(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 24 Sep 1769
(Stipendiary Curate, Ranton, Staffs) 25 Sep 1769-d
- (licenced) 25 Sep 1769
(to be ordained priest by Worcester *pro* Lichfield) 11 Sep 1771
(Rector, Gratwich, Staffs) 8 Nov 1771-d
- (presented by Catherine 1st dau and testamentary heir of John Chetwynd 2nd Viscount Chetwynd 1680-1767 and widow of Hon. John Talbot c1713-1756)
- (instituted) 8 Nov 1771
- (NOT mentioned in parish register)
(Perpetual Curate, Kingstone, Staffs) 8 Nov 1771-d
- (presented by Catherine 1st dau and testamentary heir of John Chetwynd 2nd Viscount Chetwynd 1680-1767 and widow of Hon. John Talbot c1713-1756 and Frances Chetwynd 1726-.... 2nd dau and heir of John Chetwynd 2nd Viscount Chetwynd 1680-1767)
- (licenced) 8 Nov 1771
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 8 Mar 1782-d
- (presented by Charles Vere Esquire)
- (licensed) 8 Mar 1782
(Perpetual Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs) 12 Dec 1782
- (presented by Sir Edward Littleton Baronet)
- (licenced) 12 Dec 1782
chn: Mary Wright c 19 May 1774 Bradley
Edward Collins Wright b 5 Dec 1776; c 7 Dec 1776 Bradley [SCD] <u>below</u>
Walter Wright c 11 Mar 1779 Bradley
Ann Wright b 23 Aug 1780; c 24 Aug 1780 Bradley
Elizabeth Wright b 29 Jul 1782; c 30 Jul 1782 Bradley; d *aged 25* 9 Jul 1807; i Bradley; [gravestone 52]
Frances Wright c 20 Jun 1784 Bradley
Sarah Wright c 14 Aug 1786 Bradley; d *aged 80* 23 Aug 1866 Belfield; i Bradley; [gravestone 55]

►**William Wright (Vicar of Ranton, Staffs) c1737-1801 <u>not indexed</u>** **17696-1801**
d (a7 Sep) 1801
(Master, Bradley Endowed School, Staffs) 1760-9 Sep 1767
- ("began to teach") 25 Jun 1760 [Bradley PR]
- (appointed) 23 Aug 1760 [CCEd]
(Master, Church Eaton Grammar School, Staffs) 9 Sep 1767-d
(Vicar, Ranton, Staffs) 12 Oct 1769-d
- (presented by the Crown, "come to the Crown by reason of Lapse and to our presentation for this turn only" "death of last incumbent") 14 Jul 1769 [B/A/3]
- (instituted) 12 Oct 1769
- (as Vicar of Ranton) 1770-1786 [Ranton PR]
(Rector, Haughton, Staffs) 3 Mar 1777-5 OR 21 Dec 1780
- (acquired letters testimonial) 13 Feb 1777
- (presented by Walter Yonge of Charnes in Eccleshall Esquire 1707-1783) 14 Feb 1777
- (commission to institute issued) 22 Feb 1777
- (instituted by Thomas Seward, Richard Rider Short and Thomas White) 3 Mar 1777
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 5 May 1796-a5 Mar 1801
- (presented by Thomas Anson)
- (licenced) 5 May 1796
- (resigned) a5 Mar 1801

►**Edward Collins Wright 1776-1842** **1801-....**
b 5 Dec 1776; c 7 Dec 1776 Bradley All Saints *son of Sampson Wright c1743-a1796* ***[SCD]*** *and Elizabeth (?Collins)*
m ....
d 17 Aug 1842
(aged 19, matriculated Worcester College, Oxford) 7 Apr 1796
(B.A.) 1800
(M.A.) 1805
(ordained deacon by Oxford) 8 Jun 1800
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1 Mar 1801
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 5 Mar 1801
- (presented by Thomas Anson)

- (licensed) 5 Mar 1801
- ("in Northants", in office) 30 Jul 1830
(Perpetual Curate, Pitsford, Northants) 1824-d
chn: Robert Blayney Wright
Edward Henry Wright
[?] Tylden Wright m Ellen Royds

►John Shelley (P.C. of Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1810-1868 **1849-1868**
c 5 Apr 1810 Kingston *son of John Shelley and Ann (.....)*
m 8 Apr 1850 Matilda Ladbury eldest dau of R---- Ladbury of Feckenham, Worcs; (aged 33, b Feckenham, Worcs) 1851 C; (aged 43) 1861 C
d *aged 58* 21 Dec 1868 Bradley All Saints
(aged 26, admitted pensioner at St John's, Cambridge) 5 Dec 1836 [VENN]
(matriculated) Lent 1837
(B.A.) 1841
- (aged 30, of Callowhill, Kingston, living with mother Ann) 1841 C
(M.A.) 1844
(ordained deacon by Worcester) 18 Dec 1842
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 24 Dec 1843
(Stipendiary Curate, Feckenham, Worcs) 1847.8
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1849-d
- ("incumbent and master of Grammar school") 1851 [WHITE (1851)]
- (aged 41, b Kingstone, of Bradley "Perpetual Curate") 1851 C
- (aged 51, Perpetual Curate) 1861 C
(Master, Bradley Endowed School, Staffs) ?1849-a1859
- ("incumbent and master of Grammar school") 1851 [WHITE (1851)]
- (replaced in office) a1859 [GRIFFITH (1860)]
chn: Edward Prince Shelley c 17 Jan 1851 Bradley All Saints; (aged 2m, b Bradley All Saints) 1851 C; (aged 10) 1861 **[SCD]**
Myra Jane Shelley c 10 Oct 1853 Bradley All Saints; (aged 7, b Bradley) 1861 C
Julia Ann Shelley c 7 Apr 1856 Bradley All Saints; (aged 5, b Bradley) 1861 C

►Richard Lomas Lowe c1835-....
m Harriett .....; (aged 36, b Faringdon, Devonshire) 1871 C
m Helen .....; (aged 41, b Exeter, Devon) 1881 C
(Perpetual Curate, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1869
- (aged 36, b Hawnby, Yorks, of Bradley Vicarage "Vicar") 1871 C
- (aged 46, Vicar) 1881 C

►James Alfred Burton 1868-.... **1904-1922**
b 21 Dec 1868 Chowbent, Lancs *3rd son of Edward Burton of Eaves Hall, Clitheroe, Lancs*
(educated at Rugby)
(admitted pensioner at Trinity College, Cambridge) 6 Oct 1888 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1888
(B.A.) 1891
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1892
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1894
(Stipendiary Curate, Hednesford, Staffs) 1892-6
(M.A.) 1895
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St Andrew, Staffs) 1896-7
(Stipendiary Curate, Waddington & Curate-in-charge, West Bradford) 1897-1902
(Stipendiary Curate, Penkridge, Staffs) 1902-4
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1904-22
(in retirement of Caerlyr, Penmaenmawr, North Wales) 1936

►Robert Allen c1870-1927 **1924-1927**
m Florence Mary .....; d 9 Aug 1911; M.I. (Window) (Wolverhampton St John)
d *aged 57* 18 Dec 1927
(matriculated non-collegiate, Cambridge) 21 Oct 1890 [VENN]
(B.A.) 1893
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1894
(Stipendiary Curate, West Bromwich Christ Church, Staffs) 1894-1902

(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1895
(M.A.) 1897
(Vicar, Wolverhampton St John, Staffs) 1902-24
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1924-7
("Died suddenly in Bradeley Church, at the conclusion of the evening service")

(Wolverhampton St John) (Window) To the glory of God and in affectionate memory of Florence Mary, wife of Reverend Robert Allen, Vicar of this parish who died August 9th 1911. Erected by the congregation and friends.

►**Harry Hadley Fox c1885-....**
(Vicar, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1928-1963 on)
[see CROCKFORD]

►**William Burrell Woolley 1917-....** **1975-....**
b 1917
(at Kelham Theological College) 1934
(ordained deacon by Liverpool) 1940
(ordained priest by Liverpool) 1941
(Vicar, Smallthorne, Staffs) 1950-9
(Vicar, Burton-upon-Trent St Paul, Staffs) 1959-74
(Priest-in-charge, Church Eaton, Staffs) 1975-....
(Priest-in-charge, Bradley All Saints, Staffs) 1975-....
(Priest-in-charge, Moreton, Staffs) 1978-....

Assistant Clergy

►**William Ridware c1508-1570** **1533**
d 1570
(Chantry Priest *pro* Aston's First Chantry *at* Walsall St Matthew Staffs)
- (paid a tax of 6/2½) 1533
- (had a salary of £7/19/6½ and a pension of £6) 1548
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley All Saints, Staffs)
- (paid a tax of 5/4) 1533
(Rector, Swynnerton, Staffs) 10 Mar 1555.6-d
- (admitted) 10 Mar 1555.6
- (subscribed) 1559

By deed of 1569 William Ridware, rector of Swynnerton and formerly a chantry priest at Walsall, (fn. 29) settled land in Essington in Bushbury in trust for the yearly payment after his death of 6s. 8d. to the most aged, poor, and impotent people in Great and Little Bloxwich and 2s. to the poor in the alms-houses at Walsall. (fn. 30) [VCH XVII]

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(Reader, Bradley, Staffs)
- (said to be Reader of Billington in Bradley [but did it then exist?], "Not named, no preacher, a lay reader, stipend 16 groats ") 1604 [1604 return]

►**Thomas Browne (Master of Bradley Endowed School, Staffs) c1773-?1849** **1798-?1849**
b c1773 *son of Thomas Browne 1726-....* ***[SCD]***

m Elizabeth .....; (aged 65-9, NOT b Staffs) 1841 C
d ?1849
(aged 18, matriculated from St Edmund Hall, Oxford) 13 Jul 1791 [FOSTER]
(B.A.) 1795
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 22 May 1796
(Stipendiary Curate, Bradley, Staffs) 23 May 1796-?1849
- (licensed) 23 May 1796 & 3 Sep 1797
- (signed return regarding education of the poor) [PARL (1818)]
- (Curate of Bradley also serving Coppenhall) 30 Jul 1830
- (aged 65-9, b Staffs, of Bradley "Clerk") 1841 C
- (a freehold voter of this name at Bradley) 1849
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 3 Sep 1797
(Master, Bradley Free Grammar School, Staffs) 13 Feb 1798-?1849
- (as B.A., licensed) 13 Feb 1798
(M.A.) 1798
(Perpetual Curate, Coppenhall, Staffs)
- (subscribed on appointment) 20 Apr 1830
chn: Thomas Powell Browne b 27 Aug 1800; c 31 Aug 1800 Bradley **[SCD]**
William Browne b 4 Jul ?1802; c 7 Jul 1802 Bradley
Samuel Browne c 5 Jul 1804 Bradley
Elizabeth Browne b 14 Jan 1807; c 18 Jan 1807 Bradley; (aged 30) 1841 C
Ann Browne b 15 Mar 1809; c 19 Mar 189 Bradley
William Browne b 13 Feb 1811; c 15 Feb 1811 Bradley
Sarah Browne c 4 Apr 1813 Bradley
Samuel Browne c 12 Jul 1815 Bradley
Robert Browne c 8 Jun 1817 Bradley; (aged 20, solicitor) 1841 C
Mary Browne c 6 Oct 1819 Bradley
Mary Browne c 2 Jul 1822 Bradley

Chantry Priests

Our Lady's Service *at* Bradley All Saints

OUR LADY'S SERVICE

Reported in 1549-53 to be endowed with 4 messuages and certain lands called "Our Lady's lands" in the respective holdings of Geo Cox (rent 9/0), Rich Parker (rent 7/0), Elen Horton, wid. (rent 7/0), and Agnes Oley or Oteley (rent 8/0), which rents had always been at the order and disposition of the parishioners, who until c1546 were accustomed to employ them to maintain a "Lady priest" to say mass daily and to teach the children of the parish freely. Since c1546 the rents had been paid to the ch. wds. for the use of the parish.

►William Parkins e1493-.... **1533**
(Chantry Priest *pro* Our Lady's Service *at* Bradley All Saints, Staffs)
- (as priest, paid a tax of 5/4) 1533
(Master, Bradley Chantry School, Staffs)
- (Master *qua* Chantry Priest)

►John Austin c1500-1582 **p1533-c1546**
*** *Entry might confuse men of the same name*
i *as clerk* 13 Nov 1582 Seighford
(Chantry Priest *pro* Our Lady's Service *at* Bradley All Saints, Staffs) p1533-c1546
(Master, Bradley Chantry School, Staffs)
- (Master *qua* Chantry Priest)
(Vicar, Seighford, Staffs) ....-?1581
- (resigned) ?1581